

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, There are 9,500 volunteer and career firefighters in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's 365 fire departments respond to 24,785 requests for help each year; and,

Whereas, South Dakota firefighters respond to all types of calls, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 days per year; and,

Whereas, Firefighters are asked to respond, many times risking their lives for family, friends, neighbors, or perfect strangers; and,

Whereas, Firefighters are always available to help at non-emergency functions for countless community projects, rodeos, parades, school activities, safety days and fire prevention activities; and,

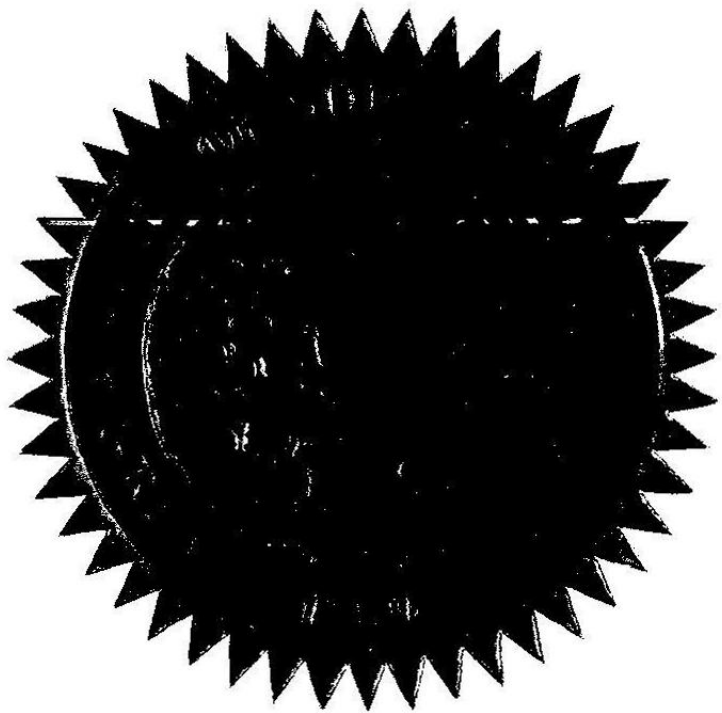
Whereas, South Dakota firefighters continue to be some of the best first responders throughout the nation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 5 through 11, 2005, as

FIREFIGHTERS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State